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Hit it Just Right

Our annual conference was very different this year. After 2 years of Covid keeping us apart and pushing off the dates, we made it in style this year. We actually traveled to another area of the country which is even more tourist oriented. While there were some snags because of the timing, we had the advantage of hitting the perfect weather at an amazing venue. It did fly by way to fast and was followed by several days of hard rain that caused flight cancellations and some activity limitations for those taking a few extra days off. Our speaker ended up having to do a super early morning all-day road trip back and arrived with just a couple hours to rest before going to the airport for an

international flight. He definitely got more than his share of an introduction to life over here. But we all were blessed by the time together, including the two new families that have just arrived.



The trip to conference did end up being a bit of a challenge. It took us 12 hours on a bit rickety bus on even more rickety roads; plus no air, leading to opened windows despite the noise, dust, and pollution. It was dark before we finally found ourselves on the last stretch which was a very windy small road way out of town. We all got a kick at the sentiment of these signs as we drew near!

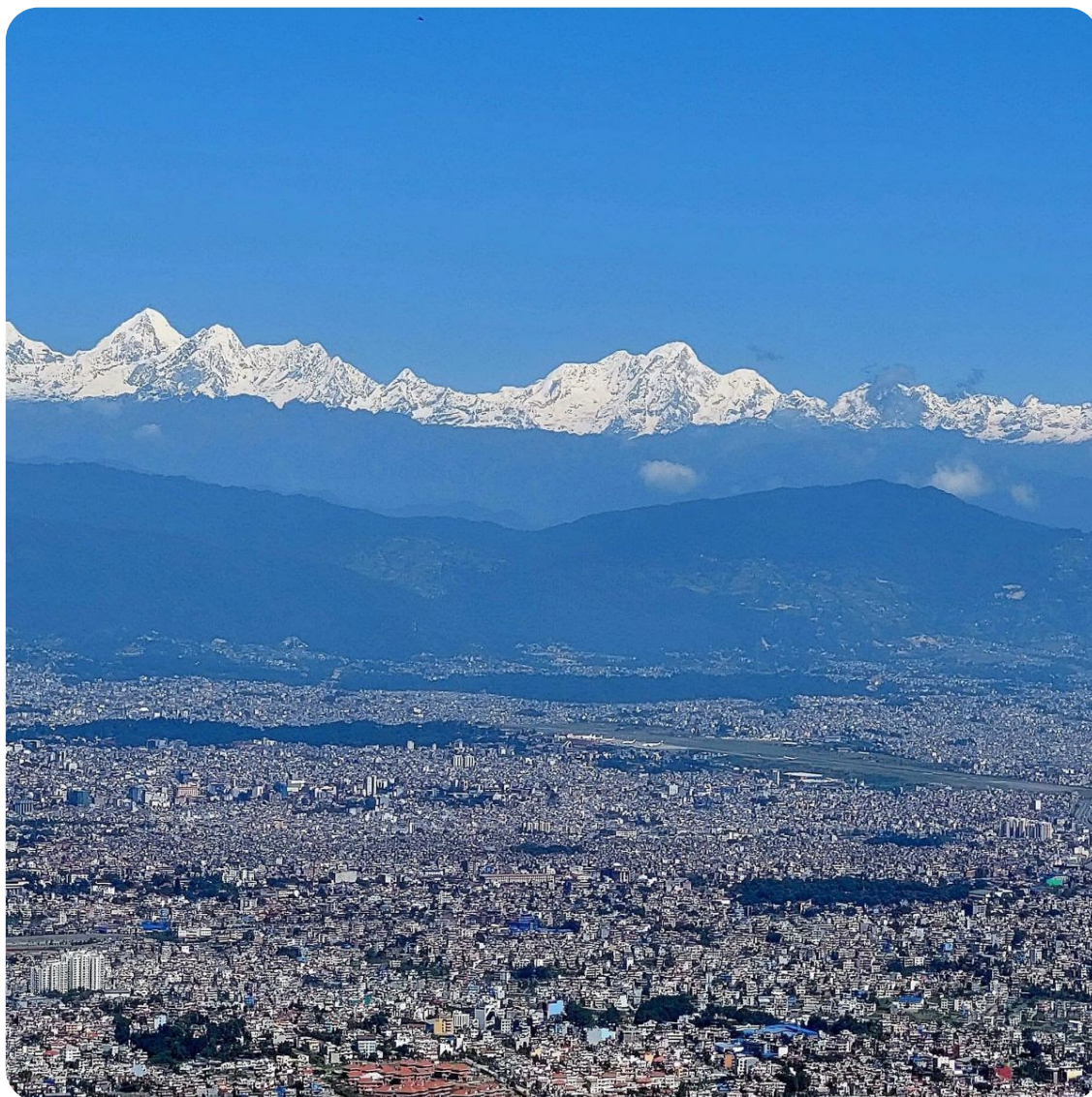


*Couldn't resist sharing this pan video from my hotel veranda.
You don't need to ask, I am feeling very blessed.*

I've now returned back out to the Far West. Monsoons definitely went out with a bang as well as being a bit longer than usual. I was glad to be able to wait a couple days to travel after the rains, especially after my co-worker spent 27 hours on a night bus to get back. Plenty of landslides and flooding over a lot of the country. Sadly this late hard rain can be a problem with the rice crops which are almost ready for harvest. Some areas have had crop loss. Never good to hear, especially in this year of huge inflation where it's already getting hard for many to make ends meet.



No mountain views on the flight this time as I said a glad good-bye to the city. They say the safest place is above the wing, so what about under the wing? The first time I had a plane like this on this trip, with the engine nicely blocking my view.



I left a bit too quick. A friend took this amazing and unfortunately rare picture of the city. The rain cleared out all the pollution and then the sun came out, plus they hiked up one of the surrounding hills.



I caught "our" mountain view from a rooftop just as the ominous black clouds rolled in with high cold winds and rain. The temp has dropped very quickly and already down into the 40's at night. Time to pull out the winter clothes and blankets.

Thankfully this is an easier (albeit colder) time of the year to be out and around. I need to continue work on my research some, doing some more data crunching, developing the survey to use next year in a village, and just pulling together plans and reports before my renewal time early in January. In addition, I have a couple projects I've started: one doing some translation and another working with data on the state of the Body in this area. I am praying about at least one trip out to do some teaching with women in remote areas. Need to give a bit more time for the road to get fixed up. Be praying for leading in concrete plans for how to do this and working out all the logistics if this is what He would allow. Continue to ask for opportunities to serve and that I would be sensitive to see them and make use of each one as He desires.

Just reminded again yesterday as I talked with a shephard of a near-by group. All three of his sons are looking to go overseas, as seems to be all too common here. The oldest had really been doing a good work for a while here. Our local body also really has no one of this next generation so far willing to stay and work here. It just raises the question again, who will become the leaders and help spread the news in this region? I'll admit feeling discouraged again, but instead may it push us to intercession for the Lord to call out workers and touch their hearts with this vision.

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